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W. T. Sherman started northward  
from Savannah with 60,000 men

At the outset the first diversion  
encountered a deluging rain,  
causing a rise in the Savannah  
River which burst its dikes, washed  
over the road and nearly drowned  
many of the troops.

After this come the swamps of the  
COMBARE and EDISTO and floundering  
through the flat quagmires of the  
river country of the Pedee and  
Cape Fear.